

Students take their water scheme on the road



GOOD PLAN: St Francis of the Fields Environmental Action Team members Eliza Saballaskas, Tom Fitzgerald and Anna Hale. Photo: ANDREW PERRYMAN. More photos at www.bendigophotos.com

Stormwater plan draws recognition

STRATHFIELDSAYE'S St Francis of the Fields Primary School is one of more than 30 schools from across NSW and Victoria taking part in an environment and education event in Albury next week.

The school has been selected to make a presentation after the students worked with an expert mentor and teachers to research an environment topic and come up with a creative way of presenting it to their peers.

The school has been

conducting a stormwater education campaign in the Bendigo area which involved students knocking on doors in their local community and handing out brochures on stormwater education.

It also involved spray painting stencils near

Don't let your rubbish run down the drain

stormwater drains with the message 'Don't let your rubbish run down the drain'.

Other topics being addressed at the conference include how to rehabilitate creeks and wetlands; the impact of pollution and salinity; the process of desalination; how to

build a school vegetable patch; how the global water cycle acts like the canary in the coal mine for climate change, and how pollution enters the stormwater system.

The Strathfieldsaye students will join more than 250 other students from years five to 11 at the 2010 Kids Teaching Kids Conference which aims to increase awareness and knowledge about their natural environment, river systems, resources and indigenous culture.

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